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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Atty. Docket No.: 23634X

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Haruhiko NAGURA  
Hiroshi TANABE

Serial No.: Not yet assigned

Filing Date: April 2, 2001

Title: **CATALYST CONVERTER**

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**FILING FORM**

**FOR CONTINUATION-IN-PART U.S. PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

1. This is a Request for filing a  
 Continuation Application under:  
 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1)  
 Divisional Application under:  
 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1)  
 Continuation-In-Part (CIP) application  
 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(2)

of **prior** ("parent") application:  
Serial No. 09/100,979  
Filed: June 22, 1998  
Entitled: **CATALYST CONVERTER**

2.  \*Enclosed for application under 37 CFR §§ 1.53(b) are:  
25 pages of text (specification, claims, abstract)  
23 claims  
9 sheets of drawings

3. The **present** application names the following inventor(s):

Haruhiko NAGURA and Hiroshi TANABE

— (37 CFR § 1.53--"CIP") The above-identified application (in which no payment of the Issue Fee, abandonment of or termination of proceedings has occurred) is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application.

The **Total Filing Fee** is calculated as follows:

— Enter the Amendment filed in the prior patent application on \_\_\_\_\_ prior to calculating the filing fee.

— Enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating the filing fee.

	(Col 1)	(Col 2)	SMALL ENTITY	NON-SMALL ENTITY
	NUMBER OF CLAIMS FILED	NUMBER OF EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	RATE
TOTAL	23	minus 20	3	x9= 0
INDEP	2	minus 3	0	x40= 0
BASE FILING FEE:			+355= 0	+710= 710
xx Multiple Dependent Claims			+130= 0	+270= 0
			TOTAL 0	OR TOTAL 764

— Applicant(s) is/are a "small entity". A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status:

— was filed in the parent application, and small entity status is still proper and desired (Rules 60, 62 only);

— is filed herewith;

— will be filed at a later date.

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— A check including the above-indicated filing fee is enclosed.

— A Petition for Extension of Time (to keep the parent case pending) is enclosed, with a check including the \$ extension fee.

Assignment document(s) is/are submitted herewith, with a check including the recordation fee of \$40.00 per Assignment.

No check is enclosed. A Declaration and Power of Attorney will be submitted at a later date pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.41, 1.53, together with a check for the "Total Filing Fee" calculated above and a surcharge under 37 CFR § 1.16(e).

An original executed Declaration is enclosed.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/100,979, filed June 22, 1998, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.--

Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of JAPAN application(s) 9-167446 and 9-167436, filed June 24, 1997 and June 24, 1997, is hereby claimed. The certified priority paper(s):

was/were filed in the parent case;

is/are enclosed herewith;

will be submitted at a later date.

The power of attorney in the prior application is to Gary M. Nath, Registration No. 26,965, Customer No. 20529.

The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

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— If extensions of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the parent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned to allow copendency of the parent and the present continuing application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fee deficiency under 37 CFR § 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-0112. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

— The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-0112. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

The Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Filing Form For Continuation-in-part U.S. Patent Application;
- (3) Continuation-in-part application including:  
34 Pages Application Consisting of:  
20 Pages of Textual Specification  
4 Pages of 23 Claims  
1 page Abstract of the Disclosure  
9 sheets of drawings
- (4) Unexecuted Declaration/Power of Attorney
- (5) Postcard for early notification of serial number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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